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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: MONROVIA 6282

1. MONROVIA'S SIX RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BONN SUMMIT SEVEN WERE RECONVENED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 5 BY FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS. DENNIS HANDED EACH OF US THE GOL REPLY TO THE JOINT NOTE WE PRESENTED TO HIM ON AUGUST 28 (REFTEL). THE TEXT OF THIS REPLY IS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

2. THE PROMISE DENNIS MADE THAT "YOU WILL NOT BE DIS-APPOINTED WITH THE REPLY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA" WAS NOT FULFILLED. IN THE NOTE, THE GOL CONGRATULATES THE SEVEN FOR THEIR CONDEMNATION OF HIJACKING, APPRECIATES THEIR EFFORTS; BUT ADDS THAT IT BELIEVES THERE ARE UNDERLYING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH CAUSE TERRORISM AND THAT THESE PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED AS PART OF THE OVERALL EFFORT TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

3. DENNIS READ TO US FROM RESOLUTION 32/147 OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE, POINTING OUT THAT THE RESOLUTION
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CONCERNED ANTI-TERRORISM BUT WAS ALSO CONNECTED TO THE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE. HE NOTED THAT OF THE SUMMIT SEVEN, FRANCE, ITALY AND GERMANY ABSTAINED ON THE RESOLUTION; THE OTHERS HAD VOTED AGAINST IT. DENNIS SAID THE GOL DOES NOT COUNTENANCE TERRORISM BUT IT DOES SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. THE GOL BELIEVES THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS GOOD FOR NATIONS

TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT TERRORISM AND HOPES IT CAN BE CONTROLLED, IT NONETHELESS FEELS THAT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR ADDRESSING THIS QUESTION IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOT AD HOC GROUPS.

4. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP OF SIX WAS FRENCH AMBASSADOR DOLLOT. HE REFERRED TO THE INCREASING ACTS OF TERRORISM, THAT THEY ARE OF CONCERN TO ALL NATIONS, THAT NONE IS EXEMPT FROM THEIR OCCURRENCE, AND THAT IT BEHOOVES NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER TO STOP THEM. HE SAID THERE ARE OTHER AVENUES AVAILABLE TO EXPRESS POLITICAL PROBLEMS BUT THAT TERRORISM IS LAWLESSNESS AND COUNTENANCING IT IS DANGEROUS. DENNIS REPLIED THE GOL FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT IT ALSO KNEW THAT SOME TERRORISTS ARE INSPIRED BY THE "NOBLE CAUSE OF LIBERATION." WALKER

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